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3-13-03**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: MERKULOV et al.

Art Unit: 1646

Serial No. 09/768,781

Examiner: Nirmal Basi

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Atty. Docket: CL001057-CIP

For: ISOLATED HUMAN TRANSPORTER  
PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES  
ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER  
PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

**Response to Restriction Requirement and  
Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

*By Facsimile*

Sir:

This is in response to a written restriction requirement on December 31, 2003 issued for the above referenced application. Please charge the petition for one-month Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 50-0970.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group II, claims 4-6, 8-11 and 22-23, directed to nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I, III-VIII.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10-23 as being directed to non-elected subject matter or being made redundant by way of the amendments below.

Please amend claims 4 and 8 as follows: